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Marcinek named acting Men's coach

Jeremy Homan
Assistant Sports Editor

Long-time high school coach Russ Marcinek has been named acting coach of the men's basketball team as of last week.

The former coach and athletic director of Morton High School in Hammond has come out of retirement bringing with him close to 30 years of experience coaching at Crown Point High School and Lake Station High School, then known as East Gary.

Several others were consid-

ered for the position but opted not to leave their current teams mid-season.

"I tried to think of anyone who could do a better job and I couldn't," said Interim Athletic Director John Friend.

As acting coach, Marcinek is under a five-month contract. His task is to restart and reorganize the program after its cancellation. Marcinek intends to help the players in every area of their game, including academics.

"I'm excited to get this opportunity... I really enjoy coaching," said Marcinek.

Marcinek feels his biggest

challenge will be convincing recruits PUC is the place to play.

There will only be a handful of players returning after eight were declared academically ineligible, cutting short the 2006-07 season.

"We're trying to get a stable program for the kids. We want kids to come here knowing that nothing like the cancellation will happen again," said Marcinek.

Marcinek has been busy with the recruiting process, talking to players and attending practices and games throughout the Lake and Porter Counties.

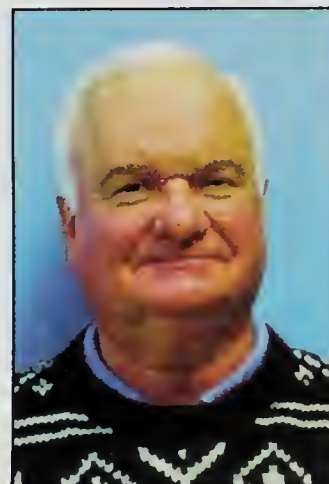
Friend expects a full coaching staff by summer and said at least

20 games have been scheduled with more to follow.

Marcinek plans to start a weightlifting program and practices in the coming weeks. With the shortage of players a general tryout will be held open to anyone interested in playing.

After Marcinek's five-month contract is up, he hopes to be a part of the basketball program and will have the opportunity to be considered for the head coaching position.

"Bringing in Russ definitely puts this program on the rise," said Friend.



Marcinek

Low count for PUC blood drive



Chronicle photo by Bradley Ehrhardt

Cyndi Back from the American Red Cross extracts blood from CTIS Network Administrator Jim Pardonek. This is the second visit from the American Red Cross to PUC this year.

Caitlin Ryder
Assistant News Editor

The American Red Cross comes three times a year to PUC for blood donations. Usually the blood drives are held over a span of two days, collecting an estimated eighty pints of blood per day.

The most recent drive was held last Tuesday.

Campus Wellness Coordinator Martha Lowry blames the cold weather for a slower turnout on Tuesday's drive.

"There haven't been nearly as many walk-ins," said Lowry.

Lowry said the blood supply is critically low in Northwest Indiana.

"[Blood] is a wonderful gift to give. I am proud of the students for their continued generosity," said Lowry.

Graduate aid from the nursing department, Amie Burns, works as an ER nurse and understands the immense impact blood donations can make.

"Each unit [of blood] can save three individuals' lives," said Burns.

Over 6.3 million blood donations were received in 2005, according to the American Red Cross web site.

Kimberly Lindsey, a freshman majoring in broadcasting, said this was her fourth blood drive and her first at PUC.

"I think all healthy people should give blood and take over the responsibility for those who can't," Lindsey said.

Lindsey, who was late for a quiz in her next class because of giving blood, said she volunteers whenever she can.

The next blood drive will be held in July. To give blood students must come with their student I.D. cards.

For more information on volunteering, blood drives and the American Red Cross visit www.redcross.org.

YSN.com answers questions about life after college

Nicole Elischer
Senior Staff Writer

College students and young professionals wondering how they are going to achieve what they want to do after college can find the answers through the new professional social networking website, YourSuccessNow.com (ysn.com).

Launched in early January by Young and Successful Media

Corp., YSN is a media and educational company specializing in educational-entertainment tools to help young adults find success in the workforce. The website provides tools and resources for transitioning into the real world.

"It is interesting. With the growth of on-line communities, both personal and professional, that this site emerges as one with folks who are not only motivated by whatever it is they are doing or pursuing, but these same people are willing to share their insight,

experience, and know-how," said Dan Harbeke, a YSN user who is a business manager at Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha, NE.

"YSN.com is a wonderful destination, and starting point, for the ambitious among us."

Harbeke wrote the book 'Get In: How to Market Yourself and Become Successful at a Young Age.'

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B2B series takes on the business of ethics

Casey Brandon
Chronicle Correspondent

Linda Miles was the guest speaker for the Backpack to Briefcases workshop focusing on communication skills and ethics of the workplace.

The workshop is administered by the Career Services-Center for Development and Outreach and was held last Wednesday.

The program is an ongoing se-

ries of workshops aimed at helping students succeed after they leave campus.

A handful of students showed up for the workshop scheduled from 1 to 2 p.m.

The workshop was conducted in an open discussion format, giving the students the opportunity to take part and discuss the various topics.

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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

TIMELY FINANCIAL AID ADVICE

The Who, What, When, Where, Why
and How of the FAFSA

Since February is Financial Aid Awareness Month, many of you have seen announcements throughout campus and through your e-mail about the importance of filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) so the federal processor receives the form by March 10.

Although the FAFSA acronym is widely used, many students do not know the "who," "what," "when," "where," "why" and "how" of this important financial aid application. The following information might serve to answer these questions.

Who should file the FAFSA?

It is recommended that all students file the FAFSA. Even if you do not think you are eligible for financial assistance through the FAFSA, you may be considered for a need-based scholarship. Also, sometimes filing for federal aid is a prerequisite for receiving private awards.

What is the FAFSA?

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. It is the form the federal government uses to determine a student's eligibility for aid. Such aid includes grants, work-study and loans. Students need to provide information on the FAFSA about their/their family's income (if they are dependent) and income taxes from the previous year, assets, family size and more.

When should the FAFSA be filed?

Filing the FAFSA so it is **received by the federal processor by March 10** is the key to being considered for state and campus-based financial aid in addition to federal aid for the upcoming academic year. Students filing after the March 10 state deadline only will be considered for a Federal Pell grant and/or a Federal Stafford loan.

Where can a student obtain a FAFSA?

- Via the Internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - The U.S. Department of Education recommends students file via the web because it allows the federal processor to do a "final check" of the information which eliminates many errors.
 - Filing via the web moves the FAFSA process along by 3-4 weeks.
- At Purdue Calumet's Office of Financial Aid and Student Accounts located in the Enrollment Services Center, LAWSHE 130.
- At the local library.

Why file the FAFSA?

In order to determine a student's eligibility for federal, state, campus-based, institutional aid and some scholarships a student must file a FAFSA.

How does it all work?

Using the student's FAFSA information, the federal processor determines his/her expected family contribution (EFC), or the amount of money the family can be expected to contribute to college costs. Financial need is determined by subtracting the EFC from the Cost of Attendance.

The school tries to meet the student's financial need through a financial aid award made up of funds from federal, state, school and private sources. Unfortunately, a school cannot meet the full financial need for all students.

Stop by the Enrollment Services Center, LAWSHE 130, to learn how to file your FAFSA on the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Filing on the web is the recommended way to file for 2007-2008.

Need assistance with filing your FAFSA? - attend a Financial Aid Workshop - Saturday, Feb. 24, Lawshe 131 at 9 a.m.

Financial aid questions can be addressed to PUC's Office of Financial Aid and Student Accounts as follows:

- e-mail us at finaid@calumet.purdue.edu;
- stop by and speak with a financial aid customer service representative at the Enrollment Services Center, Lawshe 130;
- visit our web site at www.calumet.purdue.edu/finaid;
- call us at 219/989-2301.

What's Going On? A Look Around...

Chancellor's Reading Circle

"The Lemon Tree" by Ida Rosenfeld and Ilil Arbel will be discussed by Renee Zubay Fife on Wednesday, April 18 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Kuiper House. Interested students can visit SUL 104B (next to the game room) to sign and pick up a copy of the book.

Ship of Fools Improv Troupe to perform at Towle Theatre

Purdue University's student-run improvisational comedy organization is coming to the region for the first time to perform at the Towle Community Theater.

The Towle Theatre is in Hammond and the event will take place on Friday Feb. 15 from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for the general public or \$5 with a college ID and are available by contacting the Towle Community Theater at (219) 937-8780.

Fundraiser for cancer patient

Philosophy and English Professor Sam Zinaich's family is having a bowling fundraiser at Stardust Bowl in Hammond.

The event will take place Feb. 25, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information contact John Rowand (219) 989-2654.

Karaoke

PUC will be home to karaoke on Thursday Feb. 15 in Calumet Falls from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more information contact life.calumet.purdue.edu.

Relationship Workshop

This is a workshop sponsored by the Counseling Center. It is for people to enhance a current relationship or future relationships.

It will be on Wednesday Feb. 14 in Gyte 05 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The event is free but students must bring I.D.'s.

For more information contact the Counseling Center at (219) 989-1360.

Operation Night Café

On Feb. 26 at 4 p.m. there will be free coffee offered in the CLO Concourse. The coffee will be served while supplies last.

Wallyball

Sign-up for intramural wallyball by Feb. 12 at the FRC. Information will be given out at the PUC racquetball courts on Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. Wear gym clothes.

Wallyball two-on-two

An intramural two-on-two wallyball tournament will be held Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the PUC racquetball courts. Sign-up at the FRC by Feb. 19.

National Eating Disorder Week

A counseling center outreach table will be set up from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Feb. 26 and 27 in the SUL concourse and Feb. 28 and March 1 in the CLO Concourse.

For more information contact the Counseling Center at (219) 989-2366.

Alpha Psi Lambda Valentine's Day Rose Sale

Feb. 14 in the SUL Concourse from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. roses will be on sale sponsored by APL.

Great Decisions Topics

There will be discussions on different current issues in the Lake County Library. These will take place the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

For more information contact (219) 769-3541 ext. 339.

Book and Coffee

The Black Student Union is having a book discussion on "Who Moved My Cheese?" in the Founder's Study on Feb. 15 from 6 p.m. 8 p.m.

Deep River Waterpark Ice Skating

On Feb. 22, a bus will pick-up/drop-off students at SUL to go to Deep River Waterpark from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The cost is \$5 to sign-up. Off-ice training lessons will be held along with a two-hour skate time.

For more information or registration contact Kim at (219) 989-2367 or go to Lawshe 352.

Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

Please limit submissions to four sentences and include the first and last name of the contact person.

Briefs may be submitted via e-mail at chronicle@calumet.purdue.edu or campus cc: mail - Chronicle or to the newsroom located in the Student Union and Library building, room 344H.

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World News

US Iraq forces under new command

Lt. Gen. David Petraeus has taken control of US forces in Iraq. Petraeus will oversee President George W. Bush's security plan which will send 21,500 extra US troops to Iraq after another recent round of violence in Baghdad. - BBC

UN police break up Kosovo protest

The UN used tear gas to disperse 2,000 ethnic Albanians protesting in Kosovo against a UN plan for the future of the Serbian province. No one was killed, but at least one person was injured. - BBC

Putin: United States nourishing arms race

Russian President Vladimir Putin criticized the United States for what he called "almost uncontained" use of force across the globe at a security summit in Munich, Germany last week. Putin said the United States may be fueling a new arms race. - BBC

Portugal legalizes abortion

Portugal voted to legalize abortion Sunday in a referendum vote. Some in the mostly Catholic country are worry the decision could roll back other traditional religious values. - Reuters

UN fights Haitian gangs

The UN is taking on gangs that have flourished in Port-au-Prince, disturbed by unrelenting kidnappings for ransom, killings and other crime. A firefight Friday left two soldiers injured and at least one suspected gang member dead. - AP

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Obama to run in 2008



AP photo/ Charles Rex Arbogast

"In the shadow of the Old State Capitol, where Lincoln once called on a divided house to stand together, where common hopes and common dreams still live, I stand before you today to announce my candidacy for president of the United States," said Democratic Candidate Barak Obama.

CTIS Connection

Information Technology Services at Purdue University Calumet

Technology Helps Detect Plagiarism

In this new age of instant data transfer is it becoming increasingly easy to copy and paste someone else's work in place of your own. Websites are pulling in thousands of dollars in the selling of term papers, and there are a myriad of places on the web to get information from.

With the onset of this new technology both students and teachers must hold themselves to a higher standard in order not to be compromised. The school honor code states, "I understand that dishonesty in the classroom, through cheating, plagiarism or other dishonest acts, defeats this purpose and disgraces the mission and quality of a Purdue University Calumet education."

In order to ensure we all live up to that standard there are quite a few things that the

Turn It In

The primary program used by the University, Turn It In, allows faculty to check a student's papers against a large database of previously published text. It is the world's leading plagiarism prevention database, and is used by universities all across the country. Faculty can receive more information about the use of this tool by visiting the TEC Center in Gyte 135.

Search Engines

Surprisingly, search engines are becoming more and more useful in the world of plagiarism prevention. They are especially useful for finding out if a student plagiarized a single paragraph from another source as well as for verifying quotes.

Crime and Punishment

As with all crimes, plagiarism does not go unpunished. If a student is caught cheating they can be given disciplinary probation, suspension, fail the assignment, test, paper, or possibly even fail the class entirely. In some cases, the offenses may even warrant expulsion. For further information on the university's discipline policy visit: http://www.calumet.purdue.edu/deanofstudents/typical_sanctions.html. More information is also available in the Student Handbook available at <http://www.calumet.purdue.edu/stuserv/student-handbook.pdf> or a hard-copy at the Information Center in the Student Union Library Building or at the Enrollment Services Center in Lawshe 130.

RETRACTION NOTICE:

It was misstated in the January 29th CTIS Connection on "Technical Assistance for Students" that information about Library services and resources will be offered by the CSC in Gyte 133. Information and assistance with Library resources and services is not available through the CSC. Information about Library and assistance in using Library resources is available at the Library, at X2676, or at www.calumet.purdue.edu/library. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Your feedback on our services is always welcome. Please send your comments to Vikki Caywood, User Support Coordinator at caywoodv@calumet.purdue.edu.



National News

Obama declares candidacy for democratic president in 2008.

Barak Obama announced his campaign for the election last weekend. -BBC

Schori represents gay rights in Anglican Communion

Episcopal Church Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori will attend a meeting in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, to speak with 37 other provinces of the Anglican Communion.

She will speak as the first women Bishop of the Anglican Community. She will also be under the eyes of her church associates for her views on homosexuality. - New York Times

Clinton refers to violence in Iraq as 'civil war'

For the first time on the campaign trail, Hilary Clinton referred to secretarian violence and military conflict in Iraq as "civil war."

Clinton was asked how she would handle the situation in Iraq and said "we cannot be telling people what to do, we have to be moving them with carrots and sticks and a lot of coalition building, I would say 'I'm sorry, it's over. We are not going to baby-sit a civil war.'"

- NY Times



Local News

Bauer lashes out on local government lobbyists

In a conference in Indianapolis, IN House Speaker Pat Bauer claimed lobbyists failed to warn lawmakers that last year's suspension of the circuit breaker would financially ruin urban counties, cities and schools. -Northwest Times

Electrical pole accident causes power outage

Most of the Hammond/Hessville region experienced a power outage last Friday. A car hit an electric pole at 179th Street and Cline Avenue leaving about 1,000 NIPSCO customers without power for a brief period of time Friday night. There were no apparent injuries in the car accident.

-Northwest Times

Local Restaurants challenge Schererville legislature

Liquor licenses are being requested by the restaurant owners for shopping centers on U.S. 41. Thirteen owners met Friday and agreed to hire an Indianapolis law firm, Sommer Barnard, to work to defeat the liquor license bill state Rep. Dan Stevenson, D-Highland, introduced.

-Post-Tribune

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HTM courses provide restaurant management experience

Nicole Elischer
Senior Staff Writer

The Hospitality and Tourism Management courses will once again be offering themed lunches and dinners for the university faculty, students and community members.

The classes, HTM 291 (Quality Food Production) and HTM 492 (Advanced Quality Food Production) will be held in the Room with A View on Wednesday afternoons and nights throughout the semester.

Lori Feldman, a marketing professor that has attended some of the HTM lunches said she has found them to have very creative menus which were well executed.

"The food quality was very good and the service was friendly and professional. I think it's the best bargain on campus for lunch," said Feldman.

Geralyn Farley, associate professor, said these lab courses in the HTM department provide students with a hands-on, realistic experience of what they will be facing in the restaurant and hotel world. Farley also said it offers opportunities for the public to evaluate the students' performance.

In the courses, Farley said the students learn about the planning, preparation and serving of food for a restaurant-like setting by creating a lunch or four-course dinner based on a theme. This includes planning the menu, purchasing

the food and expanding on recipes, food preparation and service of the food to guests. Students also set-up and clean-up the room.

Students play a role in every part of the lunch from serving the guests to being manager of the mock restaurant.

Farley said this experience provides the students with what they will be experiencing when they graduate, particularly the pressures of managing a restaurant and making sure the customers are satisfied.

This year's theme of the lunches is geographic areas of North America, while the themes of the dinners are major cities in the United States. Past themes have included television shows of the 1950's and 60's, children's board games, Broadway musicals, Disney movies and places along Route 66.

Farley said the themes are usually light and frivolous and students have been very creative in interpreting them. Students have taken other courses, like accounting and food purchasing, to help them succeed in these courses.

"The students are very diligent in their preparation and everything is always well planned and executed," said Debbie Thinner, coordinator of distance learning who has also attended some of the lunches and dinners.

The HTM 291 lunch series begins on Feb. 14, featuring food from Canada and Alaska, and continues until April 4. Food is priced ala carte and seating takes place at

11:30 a.m., 12 p.m., and 12:30 p.m. The HTM 492 dinner series also begins on Feb. 14 and continues until May 2. The cost of weekly dinner is \$15 and the cost of the finale is \$17. Seating for dinner times is 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. For more information or to make a reservation, call (219) 989-2319 or (219) 989-2717 for groups of 12 or more.

HTM 291 Schedule

Basic Ingredients North America Charm of the Familiar

Feb. 14

Canada and Alaska
The Great White North

Feb. 21

New York and New Jersey
Broadway and Boardwalk

Feb. 28

Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Washington D.C.
The Mid-Atlantic Medley

March 7

Florida
The Mouse Meets Little Havana

March 21

California and Arizona
The OK Corral Crosses Lombard Street

March 28

New England
The Cradle of Liberty

April 4

Hawaii
Paradise Found

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YSN was founded by Jennifer Kushell and Scott M. Kaufman, authors of the book 'Secrets of the Young & Successful: How To Get Everything You Want Without Waiting a Lifetime.'

"We spoke to thousands of young people — from Harvard to the inner city — and found they ask the same questions," said Kushell in a Jan. 24 press release from PRNewswire.

"What will make me happy? What's out there? How can I pursue my dream?" YSN.com helps uncover real answers and build a solid foundation for new lives and careers."

Once a person creates an YSN account, they can put together a portfolio explaining who they are professionally, what they have achieved and want to achieve. Users can send a question to someone in the industry about their interests. There is a question and answer feature and users can keep in touch with other YSN users in discussion forums or groups.

Another feature of YSN is self-assessment, where users take an assessment test to identify their

personal and professional strengths. With a report and customized action plan users can choose if they want other members to view their portfolio.

Bob Cohen, assistant director of career services at Harvard University who serves as a mentor for YSN, said as a career development professional, he believes there is considerable value to this site.

"Just the assessment instrument, report and action plan alone would make this resource an invaluable jumping off point for anyone seeking some career direction. Combine that with direct access to a growing network of people committed to success on their own terms, as well as the groups and discussion forums, you could genuinely call YSN a one-stop-shopping opportunity to create and launch a successful career strategy," said Cohen.

Your Success Now is
online at
www.ysn.com.

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Miles is the manager of recruitment and selective services at NiSource inc., a utility company in Northern Indiana. During her 27 years of employment with NiSource, she worked her way from an entry-level position to become the Manager of Recruitment. She dealt with the hiring of personnel, also known as "talent acquisition" for the company.

"[The workshop] is an opportunity to inform and guide students on appropriate behavior that is valued in the workplace," said Miles.

Miles wants students to start thinking about what is appropriate

and ethical in a work environment. The two major points she advocated were avoiding mistakes in the hiring process and how to manage a career.

"Backpacks to Briefcases is an outstanding program, aimed at helping students transition from school to the workforce," said Lorraine Fiordelisi, on-campus recruiting coordinator.

The program was originally launched by Shelly Robinson, the career services director, last year. So far this year, two workshops have been conducted, with four more on the schedule for the spring semester.

Correction

In reference to last week's CSA article, First Year experience courses are not zero-level classes. Manager of Student Retention Initiatives Lee Willis does not wish to see PUC professors teaching zero-level courses. The Chronicle regrets this error.

Classifieds

Computer for Sale.

A custom-built Pentium 4 (2.8 Ghz) computer with 80Gb HD, 512Mb RAM, 258Mb Nvidia GeForce Video Card, a 52x24x52x8 CD-RW/DVD-Rom, Zip Drive, and Netgear Wireless Card. Comes pre-loaded with Ubuntu Linux and applications to suit most needs. \$400 or best offer. Call 219-775-3209

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PUC not just for commuters

Elizabeth Wilkinson
Managing Editor

As I stood shivering in a parking lot on Christmas Eve, I never realized how much my life was about to change. I had just totaled my car. I was upset, of course. I never thought of all the small ways my life would change just because I didn't have my own car- or even regular access to a car to drive.

Two months later and I am still at the mercy of my friends and relatives to bring me to campus each day. There is next to no public transportation in the area so I have no other choice then to rely on my loved ones. Other than feeling like a burden, I didn't think it would matter much. I was wrong. Being a non-commuter on a commuter campus is not easy. I never thought that school would be the

biggest challenge of my car-free existence.

For one, I am at the mercy of the university to feed me. Gone are the days of running to Wendy's or the Chinese food restaurant when I'm low on funds. The other day I bought cereal, a small container of milk, an orange and some cough drops for \$6 and some odd change. I could buy a gallon of milk and a box of cereal for almost the same price and eat for a week. I'm paying big money for the convenience of eating here. I would have thought something in my student fees would have covered that.

I've always had classes that require me to travel elsewhere in the area. Instructors recommend carpooling, but that doesn't always work out. Before, having a class assignment that requires me to drive to the north side of Chicago (away from public transportation) would have been annoying, but ok.

Now, I wish we could just see a play in Munster so I could get there easier. It's hard to accept rides from people who are almost strangers, you know?

Everyone thinks it's safe to assume that everyone on a commuter campus can commute. That's not always the case. There are plenty of us who can't drive. Keeping assignments as close to campus as possible while maintaining the integrity of the assignment would greatly help those of us who aren't able to hop behind the wheel and go where ever. Lowering the price of food and other conveniences would be an even greater accomplishment. Pain or not, I can always carpool. But eating here is hurting even more than taking naps around campus because I don't have a ride home for another two hours.

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Falling back into failure?

An interim coach has been appointed to help restore the men's basketball program that was terminated earlier this season due to an excess of academic ineligibilities. Russ Marcinek has been hired for a five-month period with the possibility of continuing to serve on the men's coaching staff next season.

Although an interim coach is greatly needed, the athletic department may be falling back into the situation that encouraged the failure in the first place.

There are a few areas of concern facing the new coach and the upcoming season.

First of all, Marcinek has only coached high school teams. With no experience coaching at the collegiate level, he has some catching up to do.

It is one thing to serve as an assistant coach at the collegiate level and gain familiarity of the position through hands-on experience, but it's a whole different story skipping from a high school position as head coach to the head coach of a college team.

Not to mention he will have to rebuild a program nationally renowned as a failure.

One of the major issues discussed after the season cancellation was the fact PUC is the only

university in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference without a full-time head coach.

It makes sense that a college coach would need to spend as much time on campus as possible if any type of academic monitoring is hoped to take place.

Since academic monitoring is evidently a necessity on campus then we should strive for a coach that can dedicate a career to the university.

Marcinek began coaching in 1963. Granted that gives him many years of experience with an established technique and the ability to catch flaws, it also means that he is a weathered veteran of the courts.

Being an older gentleman, Marcinek might not be able to keep up with the team or last as long career-wise as a younger man half his age could.

Marcinek could very well be the best coach PUC has ever seen but nobody will know that until next season. The university needs to consider who or what will benefit the athletic program in the long run. It's crucial for the athletic department thinks long and hard on whom they appoint as head coach because if another disaster occurs within the program PUC basketball could be over for good.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editors and Campus Community:

The 4th anniversary of the invasion of Iraq is upon us. Many Purdue Cal students and families have been effected by this war, but at the moment our campus remains silent. We have proposed the following resolution to the Student Government Association and urge you to support this measure. The resolution is as follows: Whereas March 20th marks the 4th anniversary of the invasion of Iraq

Whereas the intervention in Iraq was undertaken with false and misleading information
Whereas the government is advo-

cating a "surge" of troops in Iraq, sending an additional 21,500 combat troops

Whereas the best way to support the troops is to bring them home safely.

Whereas congress and the citizens of the United States have voiced overwhelming opposition to the War in Iraq.

Whereas students and families of Purdue University Calumet have been affected by this war and the potential troop surge
Therefore, let it be resolved that in order to initiate discussion about the Iraq War on the Purdue University Calumet Campus, March 19th - 23rd of 2007 will be deemed "Peace Week," where students will

be encouraged to ask faculty to have discussions, where appropriate, about the War in Iraq in the classroom.

If we cannot discuss this war in the classroom, where else can we discuss it? How much longer can we remain silent with so many families and friends of ours being effected by this war? Let's stop the silence and dedicate ourselves to peace. Support this resolution so we can not only discuss the war, but find solutions for peace.

Sincerely,

Eve Bottando - graduate student, communications and Logan Julien - freshman, sociology

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Express your hate for Valentine's Day

Isabel Rodriguez
Entertainment Editor

The holiday is dated back to an ancient Roman tradition. One legend explains that Emperor Claudius II outlawed men to marry - he believed single men proved better soldiers than those with wives and children, according to historychannel.com. Valentine married soldiers secretly despite the law and was ordered to be killed by Claudius.

Another legend says Valentine was the first to send a valentine card, while imprisoned for his crime. Yet it wasn't until the mid 1800s when gift-giving in the

United States slowly progressed into a tradition.

Now, Valentine's Day is often recognized as a commercialized holiday - a "Hallmark" holiday. Thus, the birth of the anti-Valentine's Day insurgent.

Being anti-Valentine's Day is a growing trend and slowly the market for anti-Valentine's merchandise has grown in demand.

Those who are anti-Valentine's day are seen trudging past holiday sections in retail stores, mumbling words of hatred for the nationally known day of love. And it seems these anti-Valentine insurgents are beginning to turn the whole holiday upside down.

Websites invite the anti-Valentine insurgent to express their profound hatred of the holiday through a classic rant or by designing a creative, one-of-a-kind anti-Valentine's Day card. One site, cafepress.com, invites these activists to participate in a contest conveying their hatred against the holiday by designing cards - with its three top sellers winning iPods. If using creativity is not their

forte or putting effort towards a rebellion appears a waste of time, American Greeting cards offers another gift of holiday-detestation. The cards, costing an average \$3.99 like any other themed card, radiate phrases such as "I hate Valentine's Day" or the traditional "Happy Anti-Valentine's Day." If more cynicism is desired, according to americangreetings.com, one card displays a picture of a couple kissing with the message "they shared a moment." Inside the card reads "a lifetime commitment was completely out of the question. Happy Anti-Valentine's Day (for the woman who knows what she doesn't want)."

The act of rebellion against Valentine's Day continues to grow popular every year, as greeting card companies offer anti-Valentine's Days cards and websites encourage the protest against this "sappiest day of year" according to one website.

Many seemed to favor to the classic rant or blog posted on the web despite the new trends of designing cards.

Activists even develop their own sites to proclaim their message to the world. At antivday.com, insurgents can share stories of heartbreak, poems, information on anti-Valentine Day parties, jokes and even statistics.

Even activists can't resist the sweet tooth Valentine's Day famously brings. One site, despair.com, offers anti-Valentine's Day specialty candy Bittersweets, candy conversation hearts reading several heartbreaking messages - coming in two versions; "Dejected" or "Dysfunctional." Some messages imprinted on these small candy hearts include the original "I miss my ex," the brilliant "table for one" and even "prenup ok? -all placed within a

black heart box.

Other merchandise floods search engines with urls reading "anti-Valentines Day gear or gifts." Antivday.com not only allows activists to rant or share information but sport clothing proclaiming their stance on the holiday. "Valentines Day Scrooge," "I think Therefore I am Single" or "Cupid Rejected Me" stretch across in bold letters on jerseys, camisoles, boxers, aprons, mugs and even thongs.

It wouldn't be a surprise to see the anti-Valentine insurgent win victorious by officially declaring February 13 the day of against the Hallmark Holiday. They've influenced the market, and soon they'll influence a new holiday.

Express your hate for
the holiday @

www.cafepress.com
www.despair.com/bittersweets
www.antivday.com



Talented musician charms Cal Falls

Singer/Songwriter Michael Warren played songs from his self titled release last Tuesday at Calumet Falls. He played a blend of R & B, pop and rock. Warren originates from Hoover, AL and is currently on tour. For more information, visit www.michaelwarrenmusic.com



Become an Internet video star with Ten Day Take

Kristen Hannagan
Assistant Entertainment Editor

In today's day and age, people are becoming video stars by simply uploading their videos on sites like YouTube, Google and Myspace. The chances of becoming famous from such videos is a long shot, but Ziddio (ziddio.com) has one contest, Ten Day Take, which puts you one step closer to stardom.

This is the first year for the Ten Day Take contest, according to Stefanie Williamson, who does promotions for the site. All that is needed to enter using any way you like to tell Ziddio about a great concept for a new TV show. Once it's completed upload it on Ziddio to enter Ten Day Take. No experience is needed and anyone 13

years old and over can enter the contest.

The grand prize is a trip to Los Angeles, where the winner will be in a reality show about filming their pilot and working with Endemol - a top production company that will assist with producing and getting your show to other networks. Endemol also offers \$50,000 towards producing the winning pilot.

The show will be on Ziddio's Video on Demand on Comcast Cable, Williamson said.

The promo clip on the Ten Day Take website gives basic contest information while being entertaining at the same time. One clip shows a team of people trying to film a video in a grocery store only to be chased out. Another is a parody of "Desperate Housewives" on Tiffany Lane which features

two men spying on their neighbor who see winning the contest as a way for wives to notice them. They debate whether or not their neighbor really needs a woman to come over to clean the pool.

One of the videos on the website is called "Canyon of Heroes," a drama centering on the goings-on in the office and in real life. "Canyon of Heroes" is also the name of the street all of the events in the series take place on.

One of the most viewed videos is called "Live Feed," a clip about all of the bizarre things that could happen on a newscast including a weather forecaster who predicts the temperature one day to be 174 degrees and a reporter who is a "terrorist for justice."

All entries must be in by Feb. 28 and for more information visit www.ziddio.com.

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'Fiddler' shines on stage

Jade Lee Culberson
Senior Staff Writer

Director William Pullinsi's rendition of the classic "Fiddler on the Roof" is a hit at Theatre at the Center in Munster. A tale of family, tradition and the struggle of Jewish people living in Russia as the revolution began, writer Joseph Stein's "Fiddler on the Roof" is as poignant and beautiful as when it premiered on Broadway in 1964.

As the play begins, the fiddler (David Morrison) and Teyve (Lee Pelty), the dairyman, are almost immediately joined on stage by the ensemble of villagers who provide audiences an understanding of the culture and community with an enthusiastic rendition of the song "Tradition."

Pullinsi's "Fiddler" was remarkable in many ways, but most outstanding was the cast. Pelty has a wealth of talent, especially as a vocalist. His wife, Golde, is played by Iris Lieberman, a woman who can express volumes through her facial expression even when only speaking a few words. Lieberman is also the dance captain, a role in which she also shines if the dance performances throughout the play are any indication.

Teyve and Golde have three daughters – Tzeitel (played by the lovely Amy Olsen), who wants to marry a poor tailor named Model (a mousy part successfully played by Jon Cunningham); Hodel (Au-

drey Billings, with remarkable vocal talent), who wants to be happy; and Chava (Alyssa Thrasher, an incredible dancer), who loves books.

According to tradition, a matchmaker – in their town, a widow named Yente (played with outstanding enthusiasm by Renee Matthews) – helps parents find appropriate spouses for their children (often, much to the chagrin of their children, as this is before marrying for love became popular). As Teyve attempts to pair his oldest daughter with a wealthy butcher named Lazar Wolf (John Riley, the perfect choice in looks and effect) – rather than Model – he discovers that times are changing whether he wants to admit it or not.

Teyve allows the girls to take lessons from traveling scholar, Perchik (acted well by Kenneth Z. Kendall) who shakes the town by defying traditions. As revolutions in the political climate refuse to be denied and the Constable (Larry Adams, with such militant gusto he was a must for the part) is soon shoving change through the front door.

Directed and conducted by William A. Underwood, the orchestra is phenomenal throughout.

Every song in the play is delightful, but "Matchmaker" and "To Life" feature exceptionally skillful choreography – thanks to, in addition to the actors, choreographer Linda Parsons.



theatreatthecenter.com

"Fiddler on the Roof," currently showing at Theatre at the Center, engages the tale of a family and struggle of Jewish people living in Russia. This rendition (directed by William Pullinsi) achieves poise, just as its premier in 1964.

The easily changeable and realistic but minimalist sets by Nick Mozack, costumes by Brenda Winstead and wig/beard design by Kimberly G. Morris truly capture the time period.

For those who have never seen "Fiddler on the Roof," this is a great time to experience it. Those who have seen it before and enjoyed it will love the care with which this performance presents the classic tale. No matter who you go see it with, catch this flawless production of "Fiddler on the Roof."

Fiddler on the Roof

Tickets: Call (219) 836-3255 or visit theatreatthecenter.com

Dates: Now through March 11.

Showings: Wednesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2:30 p.m., with a few additional showtimes throughout.

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Check out these new CD releases

Feb. 13

* Van Morrison at the Movies- Van Morrison

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* Bridge to Terabithia Soundtrack

* The Hills- Original TV Soundtrack

* Pirates of the Caribbean: Swashbuckling Sea Songs

* Old School 80's- Various Artists

* Music and Lyrics- Original Soundtrack

* Reggaeton Hits Reloaded Vol. 1- Various Artists

Feb. 20

* Welcome the Night- The Ataris

* Essential Toni Braxton- Toni Braxton

* Still Hungry (Bonus Track)- Twisted Sister

* Wait EP- The Polyphonic Spree

* Monster Garage Vol. 1- Original Soundtrack

This week's movie review...

The Messengers

JadeLee Culberson
Senior Staff Writer

There's nothing outstanding about directors' Danny Pang and Oxide Pang's "The Messengers," but it succeeds as an inoffensive horror film heavy on the scares while being light on the blood and gore.

Jess (Kristen Stewart) is an angst-ridden teenager being forced to move with her family into a dilapidated old farmhouse in the middle of nowhere. The family comes from Chicago, where Jess seems to have been in some kind of trouble.

Her mother, Denise (Penelope Ann Miller), seems much more concerned for little brother, Ben (Evan and Theodore Turner), than the family's overall maladjustment. And her father, Roy (Dylan McDermott), just wants to grow a crop of sunflowers, which he seems to believe will solve their financial problems.

From the start, Jess seems to realize something is amiss. Conveniently, no one listens to her. Since the haunts of this house only appear to her and her brother—who, also conveniently, does not speak—Jess seems crazy as she tries to prove they are not alone in the house.

Unfortunately, Roy's first priority, despite his desperate daughter's need for understanding, is to learn something about farming. To solve this problem, he hires a transient farmer named Burwell (John Corbett) whose first impression on the family is



photo provided

Supernatural scenes, with ghosts reminiscent to Producer Sam Raimi's involvement in 'The Grudge,' have a less creepy effect in 'The Messengers' because there are fewer appearances.

repeatedly discharging his gun to scare away a number of crows reminiscent of Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds."

Many films have been made about haunted houses, and "The Messengers" manages to combine a little of everything to provide something fairly predictable.

Producer Sam Raimi brings ghosts reminiscent of his involvement in "The Grudge" to this film, but since the ghosts are used significantly less in "The Messengers" the effect remains eerie.

"The Messengers" is best at being creepy. Music by Joseph LoDuca aids in providing suspense, and there are several effective (startle-based) scares.

Rated PG-13 for supernatural shocks and violence, "The Messengers" is a good date movie—and one mild enough to suggest to your high school age friends or relatives.

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Overall movie rating:

2 Out of 5 Zaps!



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Bring back old school TV

Elizabeth Wilkinson
Managing Editor

On Monday evening, something grand is coming to a TV set near you - Nick-at-Nite will be having a "Growing Pains" marathon.

The marathon is a celebration of the fact that "Growing Pains" will be entering the network's lineup. For those of us that remember Leonardo DiCaprio before he was famous, Tracy Gold before anorexia and Kirk Cameron before he found Jesus, "Growing Pains" is an exciting addition to late-night TV.

Since TGIF went south several years ago, family programming just hasn't been the same. Gone are the days of the Cosby sweater, Cory and Topanga and "How rude!" For better or worse, there hasn't been a character as memorable as Steve Urkel for a decade.

Maybe it's that shows like "Growing Pains," "Full House" and even "Roseanne" take me back to when I was a kid. I'm sure that has something to do with it.

I try to find new shows that evoke the same feelings I had about those in the past, and there's nothing. It's all reality TV and scandal. The shows I do watch are mostly real-life medical shows and the Discovery channel. I yearn for a good half-hour sitcom.

There are some shows that are giving the sitcom the good, old fashioned college try. "Two and a Half Men" comes to mind. "The New Adventure of Old Christine" is decent. However, neither holds a candle to "Mr. Belvedere."

What happened to the nice, wholesome shows? Life was better when everything was solved in 30-minutes and real scandals only happened on "very special" episodes. Life has enough problems- I don't want to escape to a world where there are more. I want a world where a problem is simple and solved to escalating music.

Isabel's Fashion Don't of the Week



Gentlemen-yes, the weather forces us to find coats warm enough to keep us from the harsh, cold winter. However, stick to your own closet of coats and ditch the fur coat. I'm sure your girlfriend will be thankful.

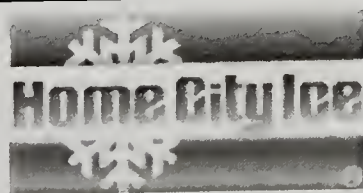


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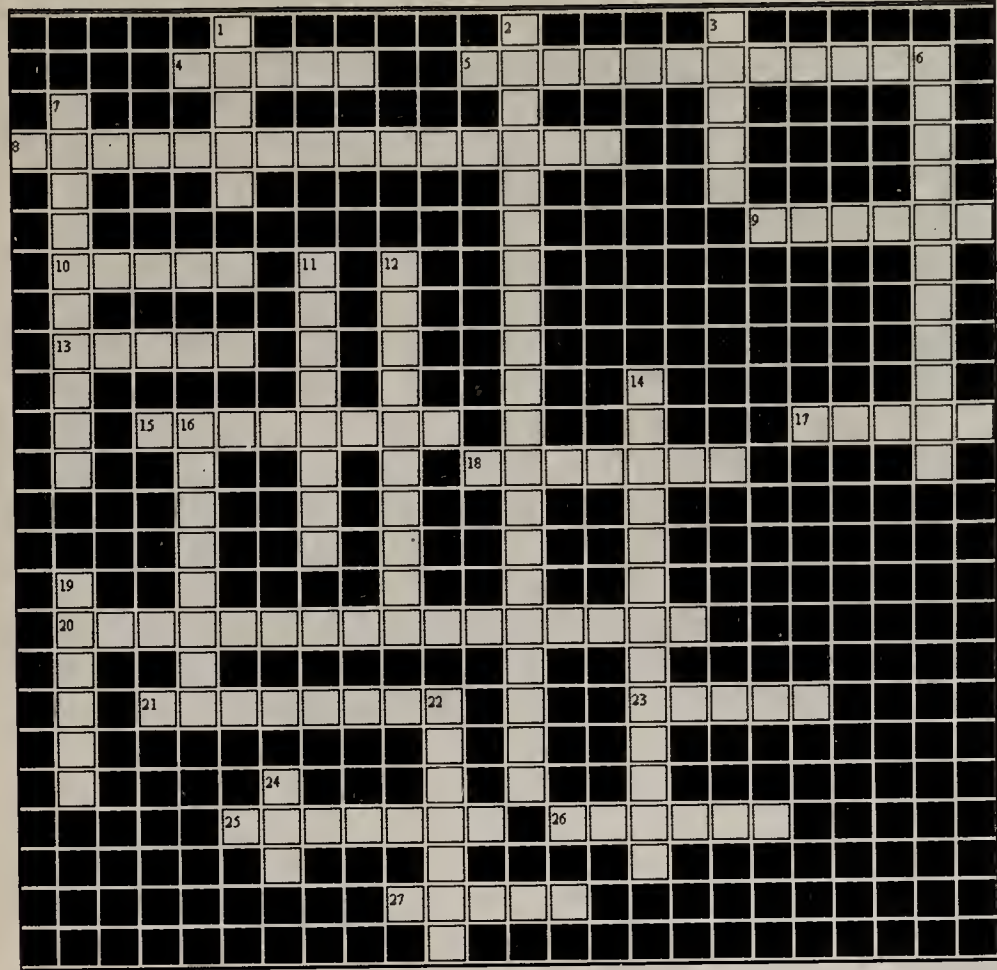
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4. They manufacture candy hearts

5. This band, which sang "What I Like About You," started on Vantine's Day, 1977, which explains the name

8. Author of "The Canterbury Tales" was also the first to like Valentine's Day and romance

9. This food is thought to be an aphrodisiac and is also the source of pearl

10. Each person eats 25.7 pounds of this a year

13. This flower symbolizes one's first true love

15. This company has over 1,000 varieties of Valentine's Day cards

17. 25.3 is the median age for an American woman to do this

18. In 1993, Nirvana began recording this album on Valentine's Day

20. Actor in "The Shiek," was the first male sex symbol in movies

21. Those in this profession gets the most Valentines- mainly from children

23. A symbol of Valentine's day- he is the son of Venus, the Roman god of love and beauty

25. It wasn't until the 1980's that this gift -mostly given to women- became popular

26. St. Valentine was possibly beheaded by this Roman Emperor

27. This cloned sheep died on February 14, 2003
1. Ancient cultures believed the soul lived in this body part

2. They sang "Love Will Keep Us Together" and married on Valentine's Day 1974

3. This heart-throb appears on the cover of many romantic novels

6. Penned the phrase "sweets for the sweet"

7. Sir Alexander Fleming introduced this to the world on February 14,1929

11. The best-selling box of chocolates is a sampler by this company

12. Valentine's Day originated from this Roman feast

14. The Ester Howland award exists for those who excel in creating these tokens of love

16. Central figure in the St. Valentines day massacre in 1929

19. This state was admitted as the 33rd state on February 14, 1859

22. This small bird flying over a womans head on Valentine's Day was once thought to mean she would marry a sailor

24. A single rose of this color means "I Love You"

Chronicle Weather

Monday
Feb. 12
Snow Shower
27°/ 13°

Tuesday
Feb. 13
Cloudy/Wind
19°/ 8°

Wednesday
Feb. 14
Flurries
16°/ 7°

Thursday
Feb. 15
Partly Cloudy
18°/ 8°

Friday
Feb. 16
Partly Cloudy
23°/ 18°

Saturday
Feb. 17
Few Snow Showers
17°/ 14°

Sunday
Feb. 18
Sunny
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PUC Police Blotter

Feb. 5

10:55 a.m. Gyte 103

It was reported that a student was feeling faint then fell to the floor. Hammon Fire Department ambulance was called and transported subject to Munster Community Hospital for follow-up medical attention.

8:03 p.m. University Village

Victim reported that his leather coat was missing from the common area of his room. During investigation it was later found that his roommate had the coat in question. The reporting party left the coat by the garbage can and the suspect thought he was throwing it out. the leather coat was returned to its owner.

Feb. 6

1:48 p.m. 171st Street

Due to the inclement weather one vehicle slid through the stop sign while attempting to stop and struck the other vehicle which was proceeding through the intersection.

2:15 p.m. SUL Cafeteria

Victim passed out while in line at the cafeteria. A friend took the subject home safely.

5:16 p.m. University Village

Due to the inclement weather conditions subject attempted to stop slid into the west end gate and curb causing minor damage.

Feb. 7

4 a.m. 2200 169th Street

A towing firm was contacted to move three vehicle which were left in the lot. The vehicles were moved to another location in the lot for proper snow removal in the parking lots.

7:10 a.m. Parking lot

While attpmting to go through the staff parking gate the subject advised the gate went down prematurely and struck his vehicle. this caused minor damage to his vehicle.

3:23 p.m. Grab & Go

Subject reported that she was feeling faint, the officer assisted her to the Student Health Service Center for medical attention.

5 p.m. University Village

Michelle Fry reported that she had left her room unlocked and when she returned she found that she was missing 10 DVDs and her other roommate was missing 18 DVDs. Incident is currently under investigation.

5:08 p.m. REC center

Sean Williams reported that he ws playing basketball he laid his wallet down on the sidelines. When he went to check his wallet was missing. Incident is currently under investigation. The Wallet was later returned to victim unknown at this time if all contents of the wallet was recovered also.

Time Unknown ALC Parking lot

While attpmting to remove snow from the parking lot the truck struck a light pole in the parking lot causing minor damage.

Feb. 8

9:05 p.m. REC center

Victim was practicing throws in the self defense class when his partner made a throwing causing victim to land on his shoulder. the victim was transported to the hospital by a friend for medical attention.

Feb. 9

11:35 a.m. Farking lot

Victim reported that damage was done to her brake cable while it was parked in the Anderson parking lot. The officer located the part that was damaged but it unknown if it was intentional or due to common wear.

3:20 p.m. Gyte Annex 27

The reporting party contacted the police department reference to observing a suspicious subject who entered the room with a key and removed a backpack. An area check was done for the subject who was not located and the room was checked. It appears at this time nothing was disturbed.

Intramural soccer kicks off

Joe Wielosinski
Staff Writer

Intramural soccer kicked off this past Monday night in the REC Center Gym with several games.

The Eurostars began the season in a very dominant way, shutting out Ram Rod by a final score of 20-0. The game was ended with a little over three minutes left due to the lopsided score.

"Aah-who," yelled Eurostar players from the sidelines as they watched teammate Sinisa Drageljevic, a junior majoring in accounting, score eight goals.

"I think we had a lot more experience, that's what helped us win," said Drageljevic about his team's performance.

Last seasons champions, Plutonic Splavin, lost their opening game to Mean Machine 10-6. Juan Saavedra, a sophomore majoring in health and fitness, was excited about his teams win and also hopes that the league can result in more for PUC soccer players.

"I hope that maybe this can lead to a college level team for the school," said Saavedra.

Sprague defeated Los Changos by a final of 12-11. Zach Bejaki, a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering, finished with six goals including a game-winning one with only 30 seconds remaining on the clock.

Sofa King won their first game via default over Atlantic FC who only had one of their players show up for the game.

Intramural Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik is very excited about the new season and the interest among PUC students in the sport.

"This is our biggest turn out ever," said Dudzik. "This is our fourth season and the last three years we only had six teams. This time we have 10."

Other action saw the Cardinals defeat the PUC Fire 20-4.

All teams are given two points for each win and one for a tie. The amount of points a team has will determine seeding during



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Jorge Alcantar runs down the court Thursday night during the kick off of intramural soccer. Alcantar scored several goals for The Changos.

the playoffs.

The season will continue every Monday for the next two months, with the playoffs taking place the first three weeks of April. If any games are called due to weather, teams will continue with the next week's schedule.

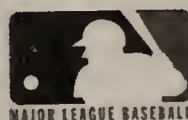
Pro Sports Notebooks



The Cowboys hired Wade Phillips as their head coach. Wade who? Phillips brings with him 30 years of coaching experience and was the Bills head coach from 1998-2000. Phillips is a laid back coach and may be what the Cowboy's need. However, no coach can be laid back with Terrell Owens on his team. Have fun, Wade.

Saints quarterback Drew Brees dislocated his left elbow in the first quarter of the Pro Bowl Saturday. So much for the Pro Bowl being one of the softest all-star games with no blitzing and hard hitting. This injury will make players think twice about participating in future Pro Bowls.

Bears defensive lineman Tank Johnson pleaded guilty to violating probation in his gun case. How could he possibly plead anything else? Johnson is still under house arrest and can only leave to attend Halas Hall. After this he has hopefully learned not to play with guns.



The Cubs' and White Sox raised ticket prices this year. The Sox are a winning team, so the price change is reasonable. But the Cubs spending a few dollars this off-season does not warrant a hike in ticket prices.

The Cubs have yet to avoid arbitration with pitcher Carlos Zambrano. Zambrano reportedly wanted over \$16 million, but he should take what money he can get and just



Bulls rookie forward Tyrus Thomas received an invitation to the dunk contest. Thomas accepted the invitation, saying he was only going to collect some extra money and had no interest in the contest. Bulls GM John Paxson fined Thomas \$10,000 for his comments. Thomas has done nothing all year and should not be invited to the contest.

Celtics guard Paul Pierce returned to the court from injury in the Celtics seventeenth straight loss. This is the worst streak in franchise history. Pierce should have probably stayed on the bench. Everyone knows the entire Eastern Conference in weak, but this is just sad.

Pacers guard Darrell Armstrong was suspended for one game last Saturday for inappropriate actions after his ejection. This is just another example of classless behavior in the NBA.

play ball. It seems baseball is nothing but a business.

Long-time Yankee Bernie Williams is likely to pass on a minor league offer from the Bronx Bombers. Williams has had a sensational career and it's probably time to hang up the cleats. But he is a sure Hall of Famer.

White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen has said numerous times that he would love former Sox player Robin Ventura to be a part of the Sox organization. Ventura would be a great addition to the coaching staff with his experience and knowledge of the game.

Stress free program

Joe Wielosinski
Staff Writer

With frigid weather and loads of homework from the start of the new semester, students mind's can become flustered. The Wellness Center is offering a new way to help get through those stressful times.

Mindful Meditation is a new class being offered as a way to provide stress relief to all PUC faculty and staff, their spouses and students.

"This course is designed to teach participants how to meditate. They will be shown how to use their energy and how they can calm themselves down," said Wellness Center Coordinator Martha Lowry.

Participants in the class can expect to learn what meditation is and what some of the benefits can be. They will be shown basic body postures involved in meditation. Different techniques will be taught as well, including mindful, guided and moving meditation. All of these techniques will be taught by Diane Stallard, a certified in-

structor in meditation, so students can expect to learn from someone who has knowledge and background in the teachings of meditation.

"The main goal of this program is to help those who participate learn new ways that they can relieve any stress they have," said Lowry.

Mediation is often used as a stress reliever and it helps people stay physically and mentally healthy. It has been know to lower blood pressure and improve the cardiovascular system.

"We would like for students to improve their general health, as well as create peace and relaxation within their self," said Lowry

The class is free and all faculty and students are encouraged to join. They meet every Monday from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Fitness and Recreation Center.

The class began sessions on January 29 and will continue until March 5.

This class can count as a program for those staff and their spouses who qualify for the "Healthy Purdue 2007" incentive, if five of the six classes are attended.

Student Activities Events

Tuesday, the 13th of February

Free Nachos!

Student Union Library Concourse

10:30 a.m. - while supplies last

Sponsored by: UPS & Student Activities

Wednesday, the 14th of February

Floor & Bottom

The Break Up

11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. (approximate showing times)

Student Union Library Calumet Falls TV Lounge

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Thursday, the 15th of February

PUC Karaoke Night

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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Changes aim to prevent ineligibility



Chronicle photo by Jessica Cochran

Members of the women's basketball team and recruits for next seasons men's team attended a meeting Friday afternoon to discuss a new monitoring system put into place immediately.

Jessica Cochran
Sports Editor

The women's basketball team, with recruits for next season's men's team joined faculty and staff in a meeting Friday concerning the new system of monitoring academics to be put in place for athletics.

Roy Hamilton, Vice Chancellor for Educational Opportunity Programs, created a system of progress reports to solve the academic ineligibility that plagued both teams last semester.

"Your stay here at PUC should not be six or eight years without getting a degree when everything

is set up for four," said Hamilton.

Hamilton is part of the recent task force that was established to observe and aid the modifications to the basketball program.

The first of three progress reports have been sent to the professors of all basketball players and recruits, in which the professor will be asked how the student-athlete is doing on all accounts.

The first progress report is looking mainly at behavior and will include the number of missed classes by the student-athlete, whether or not the professor's office hours are being used and if homework is being turned in.

Any student-athlete with a 'C' average or below in a specific class will be notified and called in for a

meeting.

The progress reports will be checked off as they are returned and any professor who does not meet the deadline will be contacted, according to Hamilton.

"Unfortunately, things like this have to happen for the university to realize that these athletes may need help because they are doing extra curricular activities," said women's basketball Head Coach Dennis Smith. "I think it helps the girls to see that the school does care about what happens to them. And we obviously needed it."

Interim Athletic Director John Friend believes this is a step in the right direction.

Signing day brings surprises to colleges



Brandon Thomas
News Editor

It was an interesting signing day for college football.

USC and Florida scored big with their highly sought-after top picks while Notre Dame dropped the ball with their incoming freshman class.

USC is sure to sit stoutly atop the BSC rankings next season. They brought in Joe McNight, a stud running back from River Ridge, La. He is ranked number one in ESPN's Top 150. This guy is going to come in and compete with Marc Taylor for a starting job next season and with his talent and versatility it may not be a contest.

This is without mentioning their fireballer freshman quarterback Mark Sanchez, who has not seen the field due to the fine play of junior quarterback John David Booty. Pete Carroll is surely licking his chops as he prepares his squad for a national championship run next season.

Florida also grabbed a couple wide receivers - Brandon Paul out of Tallahassee, Fla. and Markish Jones of Spartanburg, S.C. These additions will add to the deep threat of their brilliant

pass-oriented offense. The monstrous 6'3" 229 pound quarterback Tim Tebow will be the likely replacement under center for Chris Leak.

Notre Dame's defensive unit was beaten down in the Sugar Bowl by LSU in a 41-14 caning and torched by Michigan earlier in the season. This did not stop Charlie Weiss from completely neglecting to sign any groundbreaking defensive players. Chris Little out of Jeffersonville, Ga. is hardly sufficient for what they need on defense. Quarterback Jimmy Clausen from Westlake Village, Cal. has great potential, but will be put on the hot seat early as the freshman replacement of seasoned quarterback Brady Quinn.

Ron Zook is reviving the Illinois program after it was drowned by current Bear's offensively-challenged offensive coordinator Ron Turner. Illinois was a surprise team on signing day snatching defensive end Martez Wilson of Chicago and wide receiver Arrelious Benn from Washington D.C. both ranked within the top 20 of ESPN's top 150 players. With returning quarterback Juice Williams, Illinois is in a great position to be found in a Bowl Game come January.

Steve Spurrier also made away well by addressing his wide receiver and running back needs.

Intramural bowling



Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

A member of Knock 'em Dead, Brian Harrigan nails a strike for his team during the first night of co-ed intramural bowling. Bowling is held every Tuesday night at 6 p.m. at Plaza Lanes in Highland.

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Ladies drop two



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Sara Keilman jumps for the tip-off at the start of Tuesday night's game in the REC Center Gym. The Lady Peregrines suffered a 67-46 loss to the Robert Morris Eagles.

Jessica Cochran
Sports Editor

Despite cold weather and ample snow, the stands were still full Tuesday night as the Lady Peregrines (6-18, 1-6) hosted the Robert Morris Eagles (15-11, 5-3) in a 67-46 loss.

"Overall we did decent. Once we get 40 minutes of consistency we'll be able to grasp more wins," said Head Coach Dennis Smith.

It took two tip-offs to start the game after the first one was knocked out-of-bounds by both teams. The Lady Eagles were able to put the first points on the board, but PUC played good defense and sophomore forward LaKeisha Hurst was able to add two shot blocks to her game statistics.

The Lady Peregrines found it hard to sink shots and with a lack of Peregrine unity on the court accompanied by bad passes, Robert Morris was able to break away from PUC on the scoreboard.

"I don't hear any talking. Nobody's talking," yelled Assistant Coach Rick Sullivan from the sidelines.

In the first half, eight of PUC's 18 points came from the charity stripe where they shot 100 percent.

Still, the Lady Eagles led by 16 at the half.

"We need to see the ball and be more aggressive going to it," said Coach Smith.

Once again the Lady Peregrines emerged as a second half team. With more energy and unison they were able to come within 13 points of the lead - but that's as close as they got.

The Lady Eagles ended the game 67-46.

"We did some good things in the second half and at least we got them in foul trouble," said Coach Smith.

To finish out the week the Lady Peregrines traveled to St. Xavier University Thursday to take on the third ranked team in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. The Lady Cougars obtained their eighth conference win against PUC after a 79-56 defeat.

St. Xavier offense took charge early on and were never threatened throughout the night; dominating the boards the Lady Cougars seized 54 points in the first half.

Although PUC held them to only 13 in the last 20 minutes, St. Xavier grasped tightly to the lead ending the night with a 23 point deficit.

Smith led the team in points with 15, including a pair of 3-pointers and five-of-six from the stripe. While junior forward Shannon Dugan broke into the double digits with 11. Senior center Jessica Hamman, who had missed the last two games due to a shoulder injury pulled down six rebounds and added 10 points to the boards.

BOX SCORES

PUC (6-19, 1-7) vs. St. Xavier University (23-2, 8-1)

PUC					SXU				
#	NAME	TP	RBD	TO MIN	#	NAME	TP	RBD	TO MIN
23	LaKeisha Hurst	8	5	1 20	20	Tara Breshock	0	2	1 18
32	Sara Keilman	3	4	2 29	30	Jackie Heine	17	8	2 22
40	Shannon Dugan	11	3	4 33	03	Candis Jackson	14	2	1 21
22	Krystal Rigoni	6	3	5 25	05	Angie Brown	10	4	2 22
44	Linsey Smith	15	4	1 36	10	Dani Engleman	11	4	2 20
10	Nicole Enright	0	2	2 18	02	Angie Bush	11	1	3 15
13	Stephanie Peac...	3	1	2 12	12	Elizabeth Carney	0	2	2 10
50	Jessica Hamman	10	6	3 27	22	Sarah Wilson	2	3	2 18
TOTALS		56	29	21 200	25	Abiola Amure	4	5	2 13
					31	Erin Hannemann	4	5	0 13
					33	Jennifer Stinich	6	5	1 18
					34	Gretchen Hendrix	0	0	1 10
					TOTALS		79	44	19 200

PUC (6-18, 1-6) vs. Robert Morris (15-11, 5-3)

PUC					RMC				
#	NAME	TP	RBD	TO MIN	#	NAME	TP	RBD	TO MIN
22	Krystal Rigoni	3	1	6 36	10	Abbey Millard	4	2	0 21
23	LaKeisha Hurst	10	8	3 30	15	LaToya Jackson	14	6	2 28
32	Sara Keilman	8	3	5 35	23	Shanice White	10	2	3 32
40	Shannon Dugan	10	3	2 40	32	Jessica Harris	7	4	3 25
44	Linsey Smith	13	1	2 40	50	Janac Mason	0	3	0 11
13	Stephanie Peac...	2	1	5 18	02	Christina Kelly	5	1	1 17
50	Jessica Hamman	0	0	0 0	03	Delisa Greene	0	2	3 9
10	Nicole Enright	0	0	0 0	04	Ashley Williams	12	2	2 17
TOTALS		46	24	24 200	20	Samantha Lilliard	8	5	1 26
					33	Ashley Reames	7	7	4 15
					TOTALS		67	40	20 200

Inside...her car's trunk #40 Shannon Dugan



1. Cherry lip balm
2. Empty Wendy's containers
3. PUC wardrobe
4. Microbiology books
5. Baby car-seat
6. Nike socks
7. Carrie Underwood CD
8. John Mayer CD
9. Sunglasses
10. Snow scraper

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